

# A Real Blow For Democracy

The case of Private First Class Billy Wilson created a furor reaching the highest echelon in the Pentagon. As the world well knows, Private Wilson failed to salute Brigadier General Charles R. (Monk) Mayer in San Francisco last week when the general passed by in his car. The private's excuse was that he was carrying six books in one arm and a ruler in the other. And could've put his eye out.

Naturally, he was court-martialed. Not for cowardice, but under an Army regulation requiring that "a soldier must keep his right hand free for saluting." It was the publicity given this regulation that caused the fuss.

Inevitably, the issue reached the highest echelon of the Pentagon which, of course, is the Strategic Saluting Command, whose grave responsibilities include not only saluting, but building better officers' clubs, maintaining the 736,397 signs at home and abroad that say, "Off Limits to Enlisted Personnel," and preserving American democracy. The top-secret minutes of the top-secret meeting follow.

**GENERAL REGS** (grimly): Condition Red, gentlemen. We are on the brink of all-out war. With Congress. Our regulation requiring that the right hand be used only for saluting is under heavy fire. Several Congressmen have condemned our historic left-handed Army ways and others are decrying leftist activities by the military.

**GENERAL LARM**: Well, at least Walter Lippmann says he finally understands why we're losing the war in Vietnam.

**GENERAL REGS**: Nonsense. Look at all the wars we've won left-handed. As General Goldwater says, "We can lick the world with one hand behind our back." As long as it's the left hand, so the right hand is free for saluting. But, gentlemen, our position looks hopeless.

**LIEUTENANT HEEP** (an aide): Sirs? Pardon, sirs, but couldn't we, sirs, qualify the regulation a little, sirs, by adding "if possible"? Sirs?

**GENERAL REGS** (amidst general clamour): Stop beating that lad with your swagger stick, gentlemen. He knew not what he said. (Helping the lieutenant up.) Son, you must realize that it is our sacred duty as officers to defend our precious heritage of democracy. And how can we do that, boy, if we don't keep those enlisted men in their place?

**GENERAL LARM**: Right, by thunder! We must never bow to the public outcry for equality and . . .

**GENERAL REGS** (triumphantly): That's it! We must do away with the salute entirely! (There are shocked cries and several generals draw their side arms.) And replace it with the bow from the hip! (A stunned silence is followed by a roar of approval and General Regs is carried off on the shoulders of his fellow officers.)

The new regulation, replacing the salute with the bow, is expected to be issued as soon as the proper degree of inclination required for a Brigadier can be agreed upon. The bow will not only provide healthy exercise for the troops and satisfaction for the officers, but it will, of course, leave both of every soldier's hands free for military tasks—thus doubling America's fighting strength overnight.

As Lieutenant Heep happily said later to General Regs after touching his forehead to the floor three times: "It'll be the greatest blow ever struck for democracy, sir."

## Student Is President

A 16-year-old North High School junior has been named President of the Year in the Junior Achievement South-west Business Center by the Los Angeles chapter of the Young Presidents' Organization, according to Many Wise, local JA district manager.

Announced as the best president of the 26 JA companies operating in the Southwest Center was Scott M. Hanlon, president of Slice Master Products counseled by National Cash Register Co.

Scott will now go on to compete for the title of President of the Year of Southern California with winners from eight other operating districts in Los Angeles and Orange County at the final judging later this month at the Statler Hilton Hotel. The judges will all be members of the YPO.

The ultimate winner will receive an all expense paid trip in August to the National Achievers Management Conference at the University of Indiana.

## COUNT MARCO SAYS

# Another Sordid L.A. Chapter

I told you Wednesday of the sights and sadness of the community known as Valencia Valley, a short drive from that stinkhole of femininity, Los Angeles. If my description yesterday took you a bit off guard, wait 'til you read about this sad case.

On a bar stool in one of the many pubs that grace the town I covertly observed another local creature and what I saw made me shudder.

She too could have been attractive and well-groomed. She could bring real joy to the boudoir of a happy home. Instead, as I surreptitiously observed her, she was substituting alcohol for the cosmetics and self-confidence that make attractive women truly beautiful.

Her hair was dyed that unfortunate color of a red, soggy carrot, and there was a

quarter-inch of dark brown regrowth showing at the roots.

Her eyes had the heavy-lidded, pinkish tinge that one associates with cheap whiskey, and her chin was approximately three inches above the highball glass on the bar in front of her.

It was distressing to see a woman who had so much to live for spend her precious hours balancing precariously on a bar stool. Even more distressing, to me, was that she represents a type that is increasing more and more in every community across this large land—unwashed, unwanted and unloved.

While my stomach was still holding out I made one more stop at a little place that has become an institution in this country, an automatic coin laundry.



MOOSE GOVERNOR . . . Pilgrim Brother James A. Evans, left, secretary Loyal Order of Moose 785, congratulates Melvin Coates, incoming governor. Officer installation was held last night at the Moose Hall.

## Moose Lodge Installs Board in Formal Rites

Officiating as installing officer was Douglas Dixon. Joseph Marley was sergeant at arms. Officers of Women of the Moose, Chapter 44, welcomed the incoming officers.

Honored in the ceremonies were Melvin Coates, governor; Lester Rinehart, junior governor; Bernard E. Finke, junior past governor; Robert Stuart, prelate; James A. Evans, secretary, and Clifford Milam, treasurer.

Trustees included Thomas Walls, Douglas Dixon and Albert Pierce. Appointed officers were Dean Degonia, inner guard; Roy Smith, outer guard; A. L. Wheelock, sergeant at arms, and Arthur Galinsky, assistant sergeant at arms.

**ESCORT TEAM** of Women of the Moose, Chapter 44, was under the direction of Mrs. Ross Brit. Serving with her in escorting incoming officers to chairs were Meses Bernard Finke, Thomas Walls, Melvin Coates, Robert Stuart, Joseph Leone, A. L. Wheelock, Douglas Dixon and Albert Pierce.

## Red Cross Class Helps Save Lives

Nearly 6,400 Americans drown each year, but hundreds of others who might have drowned are alive because someone trained in Red Cross water safety techniques was near at hand, according to Capt. Walter West, Torrance-Lomita Red Cross safety services chairman.

West said the Red Cross Water Safety program, which marked its 50th anniversary in 1964, issued a record number of certificates—2,450,000—to persons who completed courses in swimming, life saving, and small craft safety.

Red Cross instructors in Torrance and Lomita issued 1,422 of the certificates to persons trained in local classes. West added, The Torrance-Lomita Red Cross conducted 147 classes in water safety.

Formal officer installation of Loyal Order of Moose 785 was held last night at the Moose Lodge, 1744 W. Carson St.

A buffet, served by Mrs. Thomas Walls and committee, followed the ceremonies with a formal ball featured later in the evening. Joseph Radulovich and the Tune Spinners provided the dance music.

## Policemen Trained by Red Cross

No one knows better than a policeman that for victims of traffic accidents, seconds may often mean the difference between life and death.

Red Cross first aid training helps to equip police officers to make the best use of those valuable seconds, according to Capt. Walter West, first aid chairman for Red Cross in Torrance and Lomita.

"But the police and the highway patrol can't possibly be first on the scene of every accident," Captain West points out.

**NOTING THAT** in 1963—the last year for which complete statistics are available—43,600 persons died as a result of motor vehicle accidents, he emphasized that "Many could have been saved had a first-aid trained motorist come along in time."

In Torrance and Lomita, 704 persons in the past year became better able to cope with such emergencies thanks to their training in Red Cross first aid.

In the 42 Red Cross classes conducted here by volunteer instructors, these persons learned how to control bleeding, how to give artificial respiration and "how to cope with countless emergencies on the road, at work and in the home," Captain West said.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

By HAL FISHER

On March 29, the U.S. Supreme Court made three decisions which will have far reaching effects on all employers and unions in the United States. Writing the opinion, Justice John M. Harlan stated that it is legal for an employer to close down his entire business to avoid dealing with a union, but to close some parts of his business to discourage union activity in other parts is an unfair labor practice. The third decision allows multi-employers to hire temporary workers to replace union members during a strike. I asked several men inside and outside of Harvey Aluminum in Torrance: "What do you think of these decisions?"

Joe Metzger, 19200 S. West-ern Ave.:

"The pendulum has swung back. These decisions restore to management their fundamental rights. This allows group employers to consider a strike against one a strike against all. I'm in favor of the decisions and I'll be interested in seeing what results."

Gary Sinsley, Torrance: "Locking out union members or closing down a business is no solution to a labor problem. You can't have negotiations if a business is closed down. It doesn't settle anything and nobody gains."

Richard Russell, 4722 Jacques St.:

"I think that the part about not being legal to close down part of a business is fair. If it was legal the employer could transfer the people he wanted to get rid of to one section and then close it down. They would use it as a tool to fight the union."

Willie Warren, 3245 W. Compton Blvd., Gardena:

"The ruling about closing all the business or none is a good one. The employer with union trouble could decide which sections are essential and keep them working while closing the others, therefore breaking the strike. He can't accomplish anything by closing the whole outfit."

Eloy Maestas, 1138 W. 164th St., Gardena:

"This will make it illegal for an outfit with many plants to close down one or two where the union is trying to negotiate, and I'm in favor of that. The employer could transfer people to another department or plant and then close it. That's unfair to the union members."

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# Let's Seed Marin County And Burn San Francisco!

Anyone who is a confirmed posy plucker, bird watcher and outdoors lover, like this writer, naturally is sympathetic to the cause of conservation.

Organized conservationists, however, sometimes are a little hard to take. Having successfully opposed a nuclear power plant in Sonoma County because it lay on an earthquake fault, they are now opposing a nuclear power plant in San Luis Obispo County, presumably because it doesn't lie on an earthquake fault.

**IN MARIN** County, some of the most expensive property values have accrued from the fabulous views of the streets and skyscrapers of the city of San Francisco, across the Bay. But a proposed model planned community on the Marin side of the Bay is being opposed by organized conservationists on the grounds that it will be visible from San Francisco.

What do the conservationists want? Do they favor burning down San Francisco so that the people in Marin County can have an unsurpassed view of the original sand dunes?

Sometimes it is difficult to escape the conclusion that organized conservationists hate people. At a recent conservationists' conclave in California, it was proposed that all American families should have two—no more nor less—children.

**THIS IS** a disturbing suggestion to anyone who happens to have two or more older brothers or sisters. And in such a chillingly organized society, what happens to parents who accidentally produce a third offspring? Will they be cast in a concentration camp? Will the offspring be damned for life in some futuristic version of the bar sinister? What about people who violate the bureaucratic norm by having no children at all?

Conservationists are even fighting among themselves. Marin County Supervisor Peter H. Behr recently suggested that the Marin Headlands be seeded to wildflowers—a proposal seemingly sure to win the support of every dedicated nature lover. But the curator of the California Academy of Science has vigorously protest-

ed on the grounds that vegetation of the headlands is now just as it was when Europeans first sailed into San Francisco Bay and should be left inviolate.

It is nice to report that the Sierra Club is fighting the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation in that agency's plans to build an old-fashioned (non-nuclear power producing) dam designed to flood the Grand Canyon.

Surely all conservationists—organized and unorganized—and even non-conservationists, if there really are such people (outside of the Bureau of Reclamation) can agree that that proposal is the height of insanity.

And yet, if the idea is to preserve the earth from the impact of man, maybe the Bureau people are the true conservationists. For in the beginning, all the earth was covered with water.

## Law Would Give County Control Over Hospitals

Responsibility for inspection and enforcement of laws regulating state licensed hospital facilities would be given to the Los Angeles County Health Department under legislation introduced by State Sen. Thomas M. Rees (D-Los Angeles County).

"The effort here is to increase local control and gain more perfect compliance with state and local regulations affecting these hospital facilities," Senator Rees said.

There has been growing concern about alleged substandard conditions in certain Los Angeles County hospitals, particularly nursing and convalescent facilities," the Senator said. "I think an inspection and enforcement program at the county level can be more effective in cleaning up problems which exist."

**SENATOR REES** said the legislation has the support of the Board of Supervisors. "Prior experience and a proven record of accomplishment lead me to believe the Los Angeles County Health Department can dispatch these responsibilities with efficiency and satisfaction for all involved," he added.

Senator Rees pointed out that hospital inspections were conducted by Los Angeles City and County Health Departments until recent years when both relinquished their inspection programs to the state to cut costs. Since that time the city has dissolved its health departments and now contracts for services from the county Health Department.

**THE LEGISLATION** I have introduced provides state funds for financing the local inspection and law enforce-

ment program," Senator Rees said. "The state collects license fees from these hospitals to cover such costs."

"I have tried to write this legislation so the county Health Department will have adequate power to enforce the laws governing these hospital facilities. This was a problem for the local jurisdictions before. The state Department of Health and Welfare, which now performs the inspections, has the power to take law violators to court, get injunctions, suspend and revoke licenses. But the state department has not made much use of these powers. I think the county should have recourse to these powers and I think the county will be more likely to use them if need be."

## Church of Christ Sets Film Series

"Martin Luther" the first film in a series of six, will be presented this evening, at 7, at the Congregational Church of Christ, Emerald and Broadway Redondo Beach. The film will cover Martin Luther's role in the Protestant reformation.

Other films scheduled on consecutive Sundays are "Operation Abolition," documentary of student riots in San Francisco; "Question Seven" conflict of Communism and the conscience of youth; "The Robe," story of the final days of Christ; "Flight Plan," dilemma of young man dedicated to materialism, and "In His Steps," from the novel by Charles Sheldon.

## Ann Landers Says

# He Needs More Than Your Help



Dear Ann Landers: What do you think of a 19-year-old boy who announces to his parents that he is going to do just as he pleases. Then when they attempt to reason with him he sticks his fingers in his ears and says, "I can't hear a thing you are saying so you might as well save your breath."

My husband and I are beside ourselves. Our friends' children do not speak to their parents the way this boy talks to us. What is wrong with him anyway?

Please print this letter and your advice. We need help!—NOTHING SACRED IN SACRAMENTO

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most "talk." Our visit was most unsatisfactory. I asked her not to see Jim again unless he moved from our home. She said "I will see Jim whenever I get the chance. If you can't hold your man it is your problem, not mine."

Jim begged me to be patient and made it clear that he doesn't want to move out of the house. He is a good father to our four children. I read the thought of another agonizing period of separation. Now I find myself asking you the same question I have asked myself a dozen times this week. What should I do? — JO ANN

Dear Jo Ann: I wish you had written to me before you went visiting. I would have told you to stay home. A wife who asks the other woman to "lay off" degrades herself.

Now you must carry on as if you were the only female in the world. This means no checking, no accusations. Be pleasant, relaxed, and fight fire with fire. Or, to put it bluntly, turn on the heat.

Thank you for your advice. What's wrong? Should you? Should I? Send for Ann Landers' booklet "Dating Do's and Don'ts," enclosing with your request 25 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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